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State Employee Benefits Committee Selects Best Doctors to Improve the Quality of Healthcare for State and Local Employees and Retirees

Dover – The State of Delaware Employee Benefits Committee (SEBC) today announced the selection of Best Doctors® Inc. to administer a diagnosis evaluation and second opinion program for the state group health insurance program. The agreement between the state and Best Doctors is expected to be for a one year duration with up to three one year optional renewals. The state program covers over 108,000 eligible state and local employees, pensioners and their family members.

The program offered through Best Doctors gives covered employees, pensioners and their eligible family members who are uncertain of a serious diagnosis or have questions about a treatment plan answers from world renowned doctors. An expert doctor evaluates the patient's case, and Best Doctors provides a report back to the employee to help ensure the correct diagnosis and appropriate treatment course.

"The SEBC has worked hard to provide a quality health care program for our employees. The service offered by Best Doctors will become an integral part of this program. Employees and their eligible family members will have access to advanced medical expertise when faced with decisions about the diagnosis and treatment of serious health conditions," said OMB Director and SEBC Chair Jennifer Davis.

"The State of Delaware is committed to ensuring their employees have access to outstanding healthcare," said David Seligman, CEO of Best Doctors, Inc. "We are pleased to partner with the State of Delaware to provide their employees a superior resource that can have a real impact on the quality of their healthcare."

"By ensuring the right diagnosis for those individuals with serious conditions, we can not only expect to eliminate unnecessary spending, but most importantly we will ensure the highest quality of care for our employees and pensioners," said Director Davis.

Best Doctors serves employers and health plans by dramatically improving the quality of healthcare at the point of treatment for individuals with complex and serious illnesses. Founded in 1989 by two Harvard Medical School professors, Best Doctors serves more than 260 insurers, employers and health plans, covering 10 million people in 30 countries.

OMB's Benefits and Insurance Administration section will manage administration of the contract with Best Doctors.

Detailed information on Best Doctors and the second opinion program will be mailed to group health insurance participants. In addition, information will be posted on the OMB Benefits Web Site, <http://ben.omb.delaware.gov/> in the coming days.